

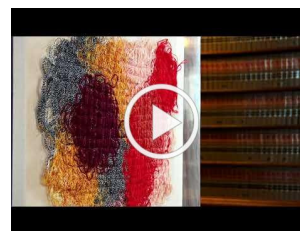


## Creating Community, One Stitch at a Time

The Iowa Arts Council is proud to support a new exhibition called “Threads Laid Bare” at Drake University’s Anderson Gallery in Des Moines, where fiber and textile artwork mixes with drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture and video to untangle issues of race, religion, immigration and more.

The show features work by a dozen artists from across the country, including Iowa Artist Fellow Catherine Reinhart, and opens with a virtual reception at 7 p.m. tonight on the gallery’s [Facebook page](#). Reinhart, you may recall, is the creative mastermind behind the [“Collective Mending Sessions,”](#) a community-building project disguised as an old-fashioned quilting bee.

*Pictured above: Detail from Reinhart’s “Leisure Suit Series,” an Art at the Library exhibition. Learn more in the video below.*



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## Bright Spots on the Map

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs is proud to announce the official designation of two new Iowa Great Places – Indianola and Stanton – and the re-designation of Des Moines’ Sixth Avenue Corridor (and its soon-to-be finished amphitheater, pictured).

The department also designated five new Cultural & Entertainment Districts in Ames, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Elkader and Spencer.

The Iowa Arts Council oversees these placemaking programs, which support community-wide efforts to boost tourism, economic development and quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

## Weekend Idea: 20 Artists, 20 Parks

Three-day weekend, here we come! Download the Iowa Culture mobile app and explore Iowa's 100-year-old network of state parks, including the 20 that inspired the "20 Artists, 20 Projects." The Iowa Arts Council is proud to support this statewide centennial celebration with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa State University's College of Design.

EXPLORE THE PARKS



## Step Afrika! World Premiere

The University of Iowa's Hancher Auditorium is going virtual for the worldwide premiere of *Stono*, by Washington, D.C.-based company Step Afrika! The feature length performance revisits South Carolina's Stono Rebellion, a pivotal event in American history. "Stono" debuts on Facebook and YouTube at 7 p.m. Sept. 9, with a live discussion after the performance. Registration is free but encouraged.

REGISTER ONLINE

## Art in Action – and Activism

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the National Endowment for the Arts has published a book called "Creativity and Persistence: Art that Fueled the Fight for Women's Suffrage." With more than 115 images and examples of posters, poetry, songs and editorial cartoons, the book is available for purchase in print and for free in audio and e-book formats.



CHECK IT OUT

## 'Safety Net' Grants

CERF+, the nonprofit that bills itself as "the artist's safety net," is accepting applications for the first cycle of its Covid-19 Relief Grant Program. This program provides \$1,000 grants to artists who are struggling to pay for food, housing and/or health care – especially folk or traditional artists and people of color. Deadline: Sept. 9.

APPLY ONLINE



## Voices from the Pandemic

Since mid-March, a Maine audio producer named Katie Semro has been turning audio-diaries, made during the pandemic, into a podcast called "Transmission Times." For an upcoming episode, she's asking performing artists to answer the following questions:

- How has the pandemic affected your life?
- What role is your art playing for you during this time?
- How is the pandemic influencing your art?
- What do you miss the most?

Record your answers and email them to [ksemro@gmail.com](mailto:ksemro@gmail.com) or leave her a voice message at 847-354-4163. **Deadline: Sept. 15.**



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## Iowa Nonprofit Recovery Fund

Federal CARES Act funds are available to help Iowa nonprofits that have been economically affected by Covid-19. The Iowa Nonprofit Recovery Fund, administered by Volunteer Iowa and the Iowa Economic Development Authority, provides short-term relief for organizations with annual revenues that exceed \$25,000 and are facing economic challenges during the pandemic. Applications will be accepted as long as funds remain.



## Scholarships

Scholarships are available for the Arts Midwest and Western Arts Alliance virtual conference Oct. 6-9, particularly for people of color and artists whose work has been significantly diminished by the pandemic.

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## A Community Thrives

Iowa nonprofits and municipal organizations can apply for grants from a program called "A Community Thrives," a \$2.3 million initiative of the USA Today Network and Gannett Foundation. Deadline: Sept. 11.

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## NEA & IAC Town Hall

The National Endowment for the Arts and Iowa Arts Council recently co-hosted a virtual town hall to help Iowa's cultural organizations tap into resources related to the Covid-19 pandemic. If you missed it ...

[WATCH THE RECORDING](#)

# COMING UP

## Professional Development

Sept. 9-17: [Arts Education Partnership Virtual Conference](#)  
 Sept. 25: [SEADAE 2020 National Conference](#)  
 Oct. 6-9: [Arts Midwest & Western Arts Alliance 2020 Conference](#)  
 Oct. 15: [Become a Visioning Community](#)  
 Oct. 15-17: [Iowa Dance Festival 2020](#)  
 Oct. 26: [World Alliance for Arts Education Virtual Seminar](#)  
 Nov. 18-21: [2020 National Guild for Community Arts Education Conference](#)

## Student Opportunities

Oct. 7: [Embracing Our Differences](#)  
 Dec. 31: [#CreateBecauseWeCare](#)

## Calls for Artists

Sept. 12: [Iowa Dance Festival 2020](#)  
 Sept. 13: [CANVAS International Art Fair](#)  
 Sept. 15: [2020 Storm Drain Mural Project](#)  
 Sept. 20: [ACW Photo Contest](#)  
 Sept. 30: [Materials: Hard & Soft International Contemporary Craft Competition & Exhibition](#)  
 Oct. 4: [Paperworks VII](#)  
 Oct. 6: [Chelsea International Fine Art Competition](#)  
 Oct. 7: [Embracing Our Differences](#)  
 Oct. 11: [Imagine Museum](#)  
 Oct. 13: [VAST Art Magazine](#)  
 Dec. 1: [The Painting Center](#)  
 Dec. 31: ["How's the weather here there?"](#)

## Grant Opportunities

Sept. 9: [Cerf+ COVID-19 Relief Grant](#)  
 Oct. 1: